

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as indicated below by deleting items marked with a strikeout (i.e. ~~patent~~) or brackets (i.e. [patent]) and adding items marked with an underline (i.e. patent).

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1. (Once Amended) A heated coffee mug comprising:

a cup with a handle extending laterally outward from a perimeter sidewall and forming an upper opening orifice;

a lid for affixing to said cup to enclose said upper opening orifice;

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a base for receiving said cup and provide stability on a horizontal surface, said base circumscribing a bottom of said cup by a perimeter wall extending upward from said base of a sufficient distance to prevent sliding of said cup from said base, said perimeter wall being of limited height such as not to interfere with said handle; and

a heating element ~~elements~~ retained within said base, said heating element ~~elements~~ powered by 12 volts DC as provided by a motor vehicle to maintain the hot temperature of the contents of said cup.

2. (Twice Amended) A heated coffee mug apparatus comprising:

a generally standard drinking vessel;

a mug holder for surrounding and providing firm mechanical communication with said drinking vessel, said mug holder having a base having a flat lower surface for resting upon a horizontal surface;

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a heating element located within said mug holder; and  
an insulating media, said insulating media directing heat generated by said heating element to said drinking vessel, said insulating media further protecting a user from direct contact with high temperatures; and

a power cord electrically coupled with a power plug and in electrical communication with said heating element.

3. (Original) The heated coffee mug apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said power plug is capable of connecting directly to a motor vehicle's power system.

4. (Original) The heated coffee mug apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said power plug is also capable of connecting to a power receptacle.

5. (Once Amended) The heated coffee mug apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said heating element comprises a flexible resistive type heat element located on the interior side of the coffee mug holder, to provide heat via direct mechanical communication to the standard containerized food said drinking vessel

6. (Original) The heated coffee mug apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said heating element further comprises a controlling thermostat provided with a pair of fixed set points.